

Application No. 09/824,051

REMARKS

Claims 64-92 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-12, 14-24, and 26-63 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer and claims 64-92 are added. No new matter is added.

In the Office Action, claims 29-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. However, because claims 29-31 are canceled, this rejection is rendered moot. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 29-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 4,952,347 to Kasugai. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 29-31 have been canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer in favor of new claims 64-92. Independent claim 64 recites *inter alia*:

... a portion in relief on the inside of the tank, said portion in relief defining a permanent housing inside the fuel tank for receiving at least partially an attachment...a portion of the wall overmolded on at least one insert...the insert being separate from the attachment.

Arguments to be discussed at the interview.

New independent claim 92 recites, *inter alia*, said attachment being situated at least partially inside the fuel tank and not being in contact with the insert.

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Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 29-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,344,038 to Freeman, U.S. Patent No. 5,891,385 to Cerbelle et al., or U.S. Patent No. 5,445,783 to Irish et al. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Arguments to be discussed at the interview.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 64-92 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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